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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,697,281, dated December 16, 1997, issued to Eggers et al.; and
- Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2000-201946, published July 25, 2000 together with an English language abstract.

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Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-cited references has been described in the specification.

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